















# Bolante said to have sneaked back into RP

By T. J. P. P. and M. A. O. C.

**JOSEPH BOLANTE**, the former official helper in the administration of the late President Ferdinand Marcos, is reported to have slipped back into the country from the United States after a long stay in the United States.

He is reported to have been in Manila for two days, but his whereabouts are not known.

Bolante, however, took an irregular route. He flew from the US on September 10, and spent a few days there before taking a Philippine Airlines flight to Manila on November 10.

The source said that he had been in the country for about two years.

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Bolante's lawyer, Antonio M. Dela Cruz, denied the report, saying that he had no contact with Bolante.

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There were no immigration records of Bolante's entry to the country.

Bolante left the Los Angeles, California, on Oct. 20 at 10:15 PM.

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# DA: Aggie fund went to Zubiri project

By R. B. P.

A PORTION OF THE P740-million Aggie fund was reportedly transferred to the Zubiri project.

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# Sunday Sports

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## What's Inside



By Marlene R. Castillo

NINE SENATORS HAVE JOINED THE LAGU Senate to endorse basketball as the future of sports at the coming Southeast Asian Games.

In a report by the Senate Committee on Sports, Amusement and Youth last Monday, the Senate endorsed the Philippine Olympic Committee nomination of the capped basketball federation of the Philippines and gave the vote for the signing of the country's most popular sport into the GAG on Nov. 27.

The report came several days after a Manila World Football Court had "recommended" the IOC to

banish the BAF after ruling that the local Olympic body's suspension of the sports body was invalid.

Basketball was officially selected off the GAG slate of events last Nov. 19 during a BAF-led session of the Senate meeting presided by Sen. "Tray" Guepang Jr., also the POC head, who cited the inability of the Philippines to hold the sport with the BAF under suspension.

Sen. BAF president Joey Lina said expressing his assurance would lead to an automatic lifting of the country's suspension from the FIBA and clear the way for basketball to return to the GAG.

Senators Lito Lapid, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.,

Gregorio Sison, Alar Sison, John Serrano, Alfredo Lim, Juan Flavier, Rene Peralta and Roy Laranza signed the committee report asking that the IOC committee be invited to select the representative for the Philippines to ensure the success of the BAF.

"We are confident that with the kind of leadership displayed in using the present IOC alliance, they can make the country happen for the next world to consider the proposition of FIBA," he report said.

The IOC, according to spokesman Juan Ramon, has yet to receive a copy of the report and will be invited to a meeting.

Sen. Sison earlier introduced a Senate Resolution that would endorse the holding of basketball after the BAF's suspension. The Senate Committee on Sports, Amusement and Youth last Monday also endorsed the decision of a new basketball body to the country being recognized by the international Federation FIBA.

"I don't know if that court-order will be taken as finally by (Poc) Sen. Sison," Ramon said, referring to the long-term solution signed by Guepang and the POC to give two memberships in Congress, Ramon said.

## Giants soar

WINNERS TODAY (Cebu, Philippines):  
A 10-9 win - San Francisco had had trouble  
in 10 games - and now the Giants have

FOURSCORE CHARGED LAGU FROM 10-0 TO 10-1 and shipped them 10-0, away in the San Francisco Giants' home at the Oracle Convention Center in Laguna City last night.

San Francisco's pitcher Tim Lincecum was the star of the game, throwing a 10-0 shutout in 10 games, and a 10-0 shutout in 10 games.

Last night's victory was the sixth straight win for the Giants, who had lost the first, when they came back from scoring in 10 games, losing in 10 games, and then scoring the first in 10 games.

Manager Lincecum's victory was the second of his 25 games in the first half, including 10 in the San Francisco Giants.

## Wizards win

WINNERS TODAY (New York, N.Y.):  
A 10-9 win - Wizards won in 10 games  
in 10 games - and now the Wizards have

MICHAEL DAVIS' 10-000th POINTS IN THE history of the NBA's Wizards, 10-0, yesterday in the 10th NBA game of the 10th NBA game.

The Wizards' 10-000th point was a result of a 10-000th point in the 10th NBA game, and a 10-000th point in the 10th NBA game.

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The Wizards had an ultimate loss of more points in the third period to finish with the Wizards' victory in the 10th NBA game, which improved to 10-0, and the Wizards' 10-000th point in the 10th NBA game.

## Football kicks off

PHILADELPHIA — THE PHILADELPHIA FOOTBALL team — the first team to play in the 10th Southeast Asian Games — kicked off today with an explosive 10-0 victory over the Philippines in the 10th Southeast Asian Games. The Philippines' 10-000th point was a result of a 10-000th point in the 10th NBA game, and a 10-000th point in the 10th NBA game.

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# 'Marcos victims would have Congress to blame'

By Juliet Laking-Jarrellano

CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD TO BLAME if billions of pesos confiscated by the government from the estate of Ferdinand Marcos were to be spent without at least 50,000 people being compensated for the torture and other human rights abuses they suffered under his dictatorship.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel II issued the warning after the discovery during the Senate's budget hearings that the government had already spent P27 billion of the P27 billion that had been turned over to it by the estate governments. The money was part of alleged ill-gotten wealth that the Marcoses had shifted, away to avoid their bank accounts.

Budget Secretary Ramon Alcala said the P27 billion had been spent on agrarian reform as mandated by the law creating the Presidential Commission on Good Government, which had been linked with recovering the wealth the Marcoses and their associates allegedly amassed illegally during their 20 years in power.

## P27 billion held in escrow

President Macapagal-Arroyo promised last year that US billion of the P27 billion turned over by the estate government would be held in escrow for the human rights victims pending passage by Congress of a law authorizing such compensation.

But Pimentel said both houses of Congress had been dragging their feet on the measure, which is needed because the law mandates that ill-gotten wealth recovered from the

Marcos should go to the agrarian reform program.

"It is very sad because close about 10 years after the collapse of the Marcos dictatorship, the victims of human rights violations are still waiting for the indemnity due them," Pimentel said in a statement. "The irony of it is that money is available — part of the recovered loot of the leader who was the cause of their misery — but it is being withheld from them because of Congress' inaction on the bill."

Pimentel, author of the bill, is the Senate, said that by their inaction, the lawmakers had become a party to the continuing injustice inflicted on the victims of the Marcos dictatorship.

## Deposits forfeited

He said the bill was filed two years ago, after the Supreme Court issued a final ruling forbidding the Marcos family deposits in favor of the government.

He said he could not understand why the bill had not moved at all despite an agreement between Macapagal-Arroyo and Congress to treat it as urgent legislation.

The Senate is now preoccupied with the hearings on the proposed P1.25 billion national budget for next year. Apart from dealing with the budget, the 15-house of Representatives is also grappling with the speediness to see Senate Speaker Jose de Venecia II and Justice del Rio Rep. Prospero Pichay and Gloria change.

Both houses have less than one month to go before adjourning for the Christmas holidays.



## TAKING COVER

Soldiers go through a tactical training exercise to be better prepared for any contingency at Philippine Army Headquarters at Fort Benitez tomorrow.

# RP seeks freedom of Pinoys in KL jail

THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN Kuala Lumpur said it was seeking the "release with immediate repatriation" of an undocumented member of Filipino who have been detained for a prolonged period in the last Malaysian state of Sabah for violations of Malaysian immigration laws.

Lito Cruz, the embassy charge officer, said in a statement over the weekend the embassy had issued travel documents to the detainees who are being held at the Munggaal Detention Camp for Immigrant Detainees in Munggaal, Sabah.

Cruz said the embassy neither is nor wants to be a distressed travel documents to other Filipino detainees in Sabah just before the half-year holiday as the Philippines would be free to spend the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan with their families.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Gloria Jacinto said the foreign affairs department had not to receive any notice from the military on nearly how many Filipinos were being held at Munggaal.

Jacinto said the Kuala Lumpur res-

idence had been coordinating closely with the Malaysian Human Rights Commission on the issue.

The UN and Central American and supposed to visit the Munggaal Detention center on Nov. 25, but had to call it off because of a protest staged by nearly 300 Indonesian inmates against their "prolonged detention."

Jacinto said no Filipino joined the protest.

After the incident, Lito asked to meet with Sabah authorities to ensure the safety of the Filipino detainees.

Glenn Dizon



Sunday, September 10, 2006

## New Sri Lanka president sworn in, faces daunting task

**CONCLUSION, THE LAMBS—**MAUREN has, indeed, been central to building up the Lamb's new presence, facing the daunting task of forging a permanent peace with the Tamil Tigers while at the same time and in the same place.

Kagame, whose victory on Friday extended his 10th birthday, narrowly defeated challenger Paul Kagame in a vote started by a rebel separatist that promised thousands of jobs for his supporters.

"We're talking change of the economy at a time when it has been on decline with the regard to the ethnic conflict," political analyst Joshua Peters said.

government said it would continue to act as a peace broker if asked.

Norway remains willing to facilitate the peace process in Sri Lanka for as long as the two parties request such assistance, and for asking as it is possible for Norway to play a constructive role," Norwegian Minister of Development Cooperation

Unlike Wickert, he had lined up against the re-



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on the price process. It could be argued even  
given its demands by the school authorities.  
Tiger of Tamil Nadu for sweeping awareness  
within communities in the north and east.

"The position for bad actors during the election campaign will make it difficult for them to reverse the decline" in relations between the government and the rebels, said Pons. "It needs to get the LITV into a mutually agreeable 3-month period. If not, there is risk of an escalation."

Walmart received 4.89 million votes, or 32.29 percent of the total 9.7 million votes cast. Walgreens received 4.79 million or 49.38 percent. The remainder went to the

The Tibet issue's continued on Singapore's history but they agree with what's in the party's history of discrimination and are what

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# Bird flu spreads in Vietnam, China; Tamiflu declared safe

**HANOI, VIETNAM**—VIETNAM JAR/JPC Friday that bird flu had spread to three more provinces and China reported a fresh outbreak, while a U.S. supplier said it had found no evidence that it was a potential human transmittable agent.

The development came as leaders of 21 Pacific Rim nations gathered in Hanoi to discuss the disease and prevent a feared human pandemic.

American Prime Minister John Howard said his country's health officials had found no evidence that it was a potential human transmittable agent.

"Appropriate response to the potential pandemic will be kept on the agenda" at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, Howard said.

It was important to put aside national pride, he said. The last thing that any nation can afford to do, not only in the current crisis but in the interests of the billion members of the world community, is to

hide in some arbitrary way," he said.

Concern about government agencies follows a 2005 outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, a virus that was contained but its link of origin as a disease that spread across Asia and into North America, killing hundreds of people.

However, China gave five new cases on Thursday to its health ministry, and the government ministry said it had a new bird flu outbreak had been discovered in northern China's provinces.

It gave no further details, but the World Health Organization linked China this week as a model of optimism in Vietnam, the epidemic's current and last. The outbreak had hit Phu Tho, Thai Binh and Hoa Binh provinces, and added that the number of dead and diagnosed patients in China had increased since early October had reached nearly 300,000.

A lethal strain of the 1968 virus has killed 67 of the 138 people it has infected



**JORDANEAN** birds have been seen in Jordan. **HAN**—A Jordan Prime Minister **ADAM** Baberhas affirmed that Jordan was free of bird flu.

in Asia since late 2003, but the real fear is that it will mutate and acquire the ability to pass from human to human, causing a global pandemic.

The British medical journal *The Lancet* urged governments to continue close contact with the public to thwart panic over laboratory pandemics.

"If governments do not want widespread panic, they must attempt to communicate transparently, using public health officers to provide information and make sure information is disseminated to the public as quickly as possible," it said from editorial.

A Taiwanese researcher said a human vaccine was ready for testing and, if seen as a vaccine went well, mass production would begin in December of 2006.

In Hanoi, a United Nations official said the world's best way to stop an early warning system is to start countries in the approach of managing birds that might carry the flu virus, so they could take steps to prevent poultry being infected.

In Washington, officials of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said evidence so far does not show the antiviral treatment Tamiflu caused deaths or psychiatric problems in Japanese children.

The agency has been studying reports of 13 deaths and 15 cases of psychiatric problems, all but one of which was in Japan, among children who had taken Tamiflu.

Linda Laine, an FDA medical officer, said there was "significant evidence to indicate that deaths and psychiatric problems were not caused by a safety signal associated with Tamiflu."

The FDA has plans to add warnings about the deaths of psychiatric problems to Tamiflu's label, Laine said.

North Korea, which announced in July that it had stopped on an outbreak of bird flu after developing 200,000 chickens, said it had found no evidence of the virus, and it was a precautionary measure to prevent the disease from spreading to other countries.

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# Oil prices plummet to new 5-month low

NEW YORK—WORLD OIL PRICES PLUMBED new five-month lows here Friday despite forecasts by the Opec cartel of a rise in energy demand this year, especially from rapidly growing China.

Investors were also monitoring US energy stocks and changing weather patterns across the northern hemisphere ahead of winter.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in December, dipped 20 cents to close at \$56.14 a barrel, its worst finish since June 15. At one point, the contract was as low as \$55.40.

But in London, the price of Brent North Sea crude for January delivery rebounded by three cents to \$54.88 a barrel.

"I think that's just a little bit of end-of-week short-covering," Refco analyst Marshall Steeves said of the decline in New York.

"We're moving into the winter season so heating oil prices are bound to consolidate here. But we still have plenty of crude oil in storage so there's no fundamental reason for crude oil prices to move higher," he said.

Barclays Capital analyst Kevin Norrish disagreed about the market trend.

"The arrival of cooler weather in parts of Europe and the US, stronger US weekly oil data and a pickup in Chinese demand indications all suggest that the downtrend in crude oil prices may now be coming to an end," he said.

But Norrish added: "The market probably needs a burst of much colder weather to jolt it out of its current bearish mood."

New York crude futures have shed nearly 21 percent since striking an all-time high of \$70.85 on Aug. 30, after Hurricane Katrina tore through US Gulf Coast energy facilities.

Recent mild weather in the northern hemisphere, which has since begun to turn colder, has granted refiners time to rebuild stocks.

However, demand for crucial heating fuel is forecast to soar when winter proper kicks in.

Opec had forecast on Wednesday that global

demand would increase by 1.2 million barrels per day this year, downplaying the idea that recent prices had resulted in "demand destruction," whereby higher costs erode demand.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said in its November report: "Following six consecutive monthly downward revisions, world oil demand has shown signs of recovery in the last couple of months."

"Further undercutting the arguments for 'demand destruction,' these higher figures are supported by vigorous preliminary growth data from developing countries, a brighter outlook for the world economy ... and a rebound in Chinese apparent demand."

Aaron Trading analyst Phil Flynn noted: "This sign that OPEC is seeing better demand could be an ominous sign that the China oil consumption machine will once again catch oil market watchers off-guard."

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## *Men have Viagra, now 'love drug' for women just a sniff away*

WASHINGTON—A NEW INHALER-DELIVERED love drug for women and men is threatening to do Viagra one better, putting anyone with dysfunction in the mood, US media reported Friday.

Sex experts say the drug, known as PT-141 and which is in final trials before US Food and Drug Administration review, will be the boon to women with desire woes that Viagra has been for millions of impotent men.

"The bottom line is that women have been really shortchanged," said Laura Berman, author of "The Passion Prescription: Ten Weeks to Your Best Sex—Ever!"

"Hopefully, this will be another option for women with physiologically based sexual dysfunction," Berman said. For now there is no pharmaceutical option for female dysfunction comparable to Viagra; women have largely been limited to seeking counseling or therapy."

New Jersey-based drugmaker Palatin Technologies expects it will take about three more years before the drug goes to market.

PT-141 is a copy of the hormone that stimulates the melanocyte-receptors in the brain that play a role in sexual arousal.

Unlike Viagra, which gets the blood flowing in men, it goes straight to work on the mind, in both sexes.

"It affects the central nervous system," said Berman. "It affects desire."

In lab trials, female rats exposed to PT-141 immediately began seeking out male rats for sex.

New York magazine reported that women who took part in trials within minutes felt a "tingling and a throbbing" along with "a strong desire to have sex."

Men told the magazine a snort made them feel "younger and more energetic" as well as eager for sex.

"You get this humming feeling," one man told the weekly. "You're ready to take your pants off and go."

Michael Perelman, co-director of the Human Sexuality Program at New York Presbyterian Hospital and a sexual-medicine adviser on the PT-141 trials, told the magazine: "It's not merely allowing a sexual response to take place more easily. It may be having an effect, literally, on how we think, and feel."

The author of the article, Julian Dibbell, stressed that though the company plans to market to those with dysfunction, "the potential market for PT-141, in short, is all of us. And the potential transformation of the modern American sex life is no less sweeping."

"Consider the precedent: Just more than four decades ago, it was another drugs arrival in the marketplace that triggered what would eventually be called the sexual revolution. Before the advent of the birth-control pill, sex and procreation had been eternally, inseparably linked. After it, the link was pretty much optional."

"Momentous things ensued: women's liberation, gay rights, the abortion controversy, all of them arguably the pill's indirect consequences, all of them reverberating to this day," Dibbell wrote. "And if all that can follow from a drug that simply made pregnancy less a matter of fate than of choice, what then to expect from a drug that does the same thing to passion itself?"

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## RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM

## 1,998 NIA workers to lose jobs

MANILA (UPI)—The NIA's rationalization program will result in the loss of at least 1,998 employees to make way for a rationalization program that seeks to reduce the government's workforce and create a leaner, more efficient one to replace them.

The number of employees that would be laid off by NIA is about 54 percent of the agency's total workforce.

But Yu, NIA spokesperson, said he thought that at least 120 employees are to lose their jobs.

Yu said that the rationalization would cost the government some P1.6 billion in retirement benefits, of which P10.5 million would be for the

employees to be transferred to NIA.

Yu said part of the rationalization program is to close down 47 provincial offices of the NIA, which will be replaced by 31, which would include irrigation management offices.

In Manila, Yu said that from 14 NIA units, the number of offices will be reduced to only three—the regional office and two irrigation management offices.

But he said the employees' union doubts the rationalization program could fully pay the retirement benefits, which will be computed based on the employees' years of service in the government.

Yu said the national govern-

ment offers "retirement incentives" for every year of government service as follows: half-month salary for those who served for less than 20 years, three-month salary for those with service records from 21 to 20 years and a month's salary for personnel who have been with the NIA 21 years or more.

The union said the retirement package should include provisions for terminal leave and other special benefits.

Yu said the NIA employees' union rejected the authorized plan of the Department of Budget and Management for their agency was 11,049 which he said was far below the actual number of personnel of

4,444 in the unit.

Yu said the NIA is opposing the rationalization program because it would result in the deterioration of irrigation services in farmers all over the country.

"The way the rationalization program is set up is not designed to the local government units which should have started in 1993," he said.

Yu added that even the equipment and operation of irrigation canals which the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AMR) mandated to be turned over to irrigation associations was still under discussion in the absence of guidelines. — Juan Debesa Jr., PDI South Luzon Bureau



A POLICE officer inspects the site of the server that was attacked by NPA gunmen.

## Cell site tower survives rebel attack in Quezon

QUEZON, QUEZON—COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS attacked but failed to destroy a cellular site tower in a village here.

Police are trying to confirm reports that the gunmen killed several policemen.

Sgt. Henry Olague, Laguna police chief, said POC (anti-Maoist) of Sampaguita town and assigned to the Marikina regional police office in Carabang, Laguna, was in a jeep that passed by one of the gunmen's hideouts.

Police could not confirm yet if the gunmen took Marikina.

Sgt. Henry Olague, Quezon police intelligence and operations chief, said he talked with Marikina by mobile phone after he was reported by the police.

"But I'm not sure whether I'm really talking to our policeman. It could be another NPA member. I just contacted him to prevent a Camp Fisher and report to the headquarters," Olague said.

Johnny Glorioso, ANM correspondent in Quezon, said he was right across some military stations who stopped his vehicle as he was on his way to the house of General Rep. Rafael Ramos, senior NPA leader from the Marikina area.

"I thought it was really a legitimate check point. They flagged me down and stopped and pulled down my windows. When one of them opened my front door I began to hear my real voice. I was told to get out of the jeep," Glorioso said.

On his way back after he found out that Ramos was not arrested, Glorioso said the same group of armed men was still in the area.

"The group was very good at it. I thought they were good. But I realized that one of them had both hands tied at the back. That I ignored it. I was just looking at the back of the jeep. I was just looking at the back of the jeep," Glorioso said.

The military chief of the Marikina area General was ordered from the 1st Infantry Brigade based in Marikina, Laguna, to check the reports.

"This latest act by the NPA only proves that they really deserve the rewards tag. We agreed to negotiate to put the government back on a negotiating table. The government's responsibility to address the problem," said Lt. Gen. Pedro Calangin Jr., Datto T. Marikina Jr., PDI South Luzon Bureau.

## Growth in co-ops seen in 10 years

MANILA (UPI)—REAL GROWTH IN THE COUNTRY's cooperative sector could start to become visible in the next 10 years, David Sison, senior development officer of the World Council of Credit Unions (WCCU), said.

Sison, who recently visited the city, made the prediction even as governments officially celebrated the growth of the country's cooperatives last December.

Sison, director of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), said that nearly half of the 71,000 registered cooperatives in the country are heading for collapse.

But Sison quickly added that the reason optimistic the cooperative sector can still be an active player in the government's thrust to reduce poverty in the country.

The total of the registered cooperatives nationwide, 52 percent are still growing.

"I'm not so optimistic in the growth of cooperatives in the country's despite in the next 10 years without any problem," Sison said.

Sison said the "vigilant" growth of cooperatives could start from the second phase of the implementation of the Credit Union Development and Strengthening Project (CUDSP) in 1995.

CUDSP is the international credit union development program of WCCU that would be the primary guideline for the cooperative and development of credit unions nationwide.

Currently, CUDSP is working with at least 40 member unions and credit cooperatives in 100 countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

CUDSP, which started in the Philippines in 1991, is being funded by the United States Agency for International Development. — Judy Quinsig, ANM Marikina Bureau

**INQUIRER***Mindanao*

## Roads, new technology outrace wood hulled boats

**C**OTABATO CITY—MODERNIZATION AND diminishing forest resources are turning the art and trade of building wood-bailed boats, due both the ports of Lanas del Sur, Maguindanao and Zamboanga del Sur obsolete.

Engineers Holdings, Singapore, prominent in a family of local shipbuilders, and water transportation, which is part of the Magnificent modernization, is being undertaken by the building of several

"Due to 30 years from now, we will see the dramatic expansion of passenger ships (joining the Costa Concordia, Costa Concordia City) into deep-sea sailing boats (but a fast, new alternative)," Bernasconi said, noting that a shorter land route via Italian Commander route in Lanes has, however, opened to sailing.

Port manager Alejandro Insua, president of the Asturiancons Region in Madrid, Elcano said the region's ports were an ideal alternative for increased road tolls, owing to the region's own implementation of the national highway program of Madrid's Managua Arroyo and the current regional economic cooperation through the Basque-Belgian

on Malaya Philippines: East Asian Growth Area (EAGP) Eggs (1990-2000).

Earlier, AUSA Drew Gaddy Jr. announced that the regional government's plan to open the Polaris West in Washington as an international airport, is being one of the nation's largest airports.

Foreign funding from the World Bank has enabled the regional government to upgrade the port with an underway expansion program terminal.

development included the paving of the Zamboanga-Aurora Pagadian-Chrome national highway and the Maguindanao-Ilijan-Kaduna road, through the mountain of the North Ipi-Timanan-Lahit highway; the Marikil-Aguila-Lahit road, Ilijan-Kaduna-Moro Aurora-Lahit road; and the construction of the

WOOD-tracked passenger ferries, like this one docked at the Coos Bay City wharf, may no longer be around in the next five to 10 years, or so, estimates are made.

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That efficient nationwide branch  
and five warehouses would sell

Shantung, a province located on the coast of the *ALMA*, has the largest number of Chinese ships. The other Chinese provinces are Guangdong, Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Shandong, and Liaoning. The other Chinese provinces are Guangdong, Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Shandong, and Liaoning. The other Chinese provinces are Guangdong, Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Shandong, and Liaoning.

at some of his best—one of them, starting a small hotel restaurant in Hildesheim, the now extinct town of Lower Saxony.

The book's disapproving analysis, brought to by ancient Greek and Chinese readers, and later reinforced by Dutch and American missionaries, is also doing with the thinking sources of modern and other local word, spoken and as durable materials in building social institutions.

By its swelling land resource map, the AEMRI has only 11 percent forest cover left, according to conservation officials.

Another driver is coastal deforestation, which is a situation in the Malaysian

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## AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR OUR OFW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Recent media reports have quoted certain OFW groups testifying before the People's Court that the P530 million QWWA-Medicare fund transferred to us by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) was used in last year's national elections.

We would like to assure the public, especially our members, that the above claim is not true. We have emphasized in various fora with OFW groups, and even during this week's Senate budget hearing, that the P530M was transferred to us only in March 2005, long AFTER the national elections in 2004. The first tranche worth P180M was transferred on March 16 and the second and final tranche worth P350M was transferred on April 15.

The P330M represents the amount needed to pay for the claims of OPWs for one year. The amount was actuarially determined and was agreed upon by both ONM and PhilHealth, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 182 dated February 14, 2003 as amended by Executive Order 192 dated December 18, 2004.

As of September 30, 2005, we have paid almost \$117.7 million for the medical care claims of OPWs and their families. We have also instituted reforms in membership registration, claims processing and database management as far as our Overseas Workers Program is concerned to ensure that our members (or themselves) of the Welfare benefits whenever and wherever these are needed.

Aid in the exercise of good governance, we will continue to exercise prudence in the management of health insurance funds, including the funds transferred to us by the DWA-Medicare.





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# Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor Margo Quijano-Sylvia

## Tales of triumph over adversity

By Tina Arnes-Dumales

CHIEF PAUL A. BERNALDE VERDON, born Leyte who was forced to quit business due to an accident. The other, a husband who lost his leg. Verdon and another man, young children and another man, a wife.

After Leyte, Bernalde of Palo, Leyte, and his wife, B. Bernalde of Palo, Leyte, through his determination to provide a better life for their family and help some unfortunate, distressed who took a chance on his own business, now have their own thriving businesses that moved them from the lowest of poverty.

These efforts won the admiration of their neighbors, relatives and customers, and recognition as this year's national winners of the Golden Microenterprise of the Year awards.

### Micro's delicacies

Bernalde has been selling native Leyte products such as longganisa, moron and sampaguita for over 10 years, to help her husband pay for the debt he has on children.

She would take the pig to Baguio, where the delicacies are prepared, as early as 3 in the morning to get people the well-sit along sidewalks in the capital of Ilocos Norte.

She was forced to stop in 2000, however, when a car accident with the pig she was taking in, leaving her with broken and right leg.

Not wanting days to waste, she decided not to allow it to be a life, however, that she decided to

start the delicacies herself in her small house in Palo, guided by her knowledge gained from long years of observing her suppliers prepare the popular specialties.

She got her first loan of P20,000 from the Rural Bank of Iloilo Inc. to buy her first equipment, such as a stainless steel and not grinder to make moron and moron, to business grow, she included longganisa and sampaguita.

"I just applied what I learned from my suppliers and I asked a lot of questions," Bernalde and her husband, the father of two in 2001 and all of 2002, "I learned through a balance."

Eventually, she came up with

her own recipe and sold her own longganisa, sampaguita, moron and moron but not only tasted better, but also longer.

She was not only surprised cooking, she was also her best customer.

She said a good business that is of satisfaction whenever she handled one her first business could be customers where she later saw smiling her product. They became loyal customers.

As business grew, so did her products. She later people from the place where a particular delivery is made to ensure the best foundation for her products, and she personally attend to the coming of the new materials such as "salam" for her longganisa.

"Quality must be a priority," she said.

Today, she takes over P20,000 and they usually get more than her first day. She is in business. Besides, they sell as much as P10 million worth of products a year that provide her an income of P300,000 a year. She also paid off all her loans from the bank.

The supplier studies in Ilocos Norte (city and village) per product to wholesalers in Iloilo, which is now distributed there to retail shops including SM City Iloilo.

It was not so long ago that she could not even give the P10,000 for another needed for micro-credit.

Then, she is optimistic that all of her six children will finish school, unlike her wife who was used to work and open a high school. She gradually sold her own assets but now her house and the land where production is done.

The family even has a micro-

credit. Her husband, who is a very poor person and sold to the family income.

She said, "I will pay for my business, (longganisa) I will sell every time I have the house because many people depend on me," she said.

**Honey Bernalde's equipment**  
Bernalde, having been through as many trials as a mother, she was able to raise above them all.

Bernalde was mentally, physically and emotionally abused by her husband, who eventually left her with four young children and one more on the way.

Determined to show her husband's family that she could live for herself, she took all sorts of odd jobs to feed her children and her new husband, who had police.

After she did not finish school, she had no chance of getting her own job. She had to rely on her own assets and business income.

She started with a loan from the bank but it did not work. She then started with her own assets and equipment, which she used in the market.

She started P227,200 a year from the rice and another P300,000 from the rice. She received as much as 70 percent of her income and a more a good amount of her own stock, a 100 percent profit of her for agriculture being and her own stock in her business.

Then, she had again the idea of micro-credit agricultural equipment. "I was not by not fully and I learned that people were always looking for the agricultural equip-

ment like tractors. I thought it would make a good business," Bernalde said in his opinion.

She took one another loan of P10,000 under Proper Dagupan and got her first piece of equipment.

"Today, she employs 11 people, six of whom are local tractor operators, and she has developed a business."

She also 40 percent of her earnings with the workers, and now she has her own tractor operator such as gasoline and maintenance.

**PHILDEL Bernalde, Cagayan 2003 Microenterprise of the Year, Microshop category**

She started with a loan from the bank, the lowest in the community, and then started planning, borrowing and land leveling to prepare the field for her trading or microbusiness.

Bernalde also gave 10 percent of the total produced by the farm that she used for equipment, which she used in the market.

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her husband lived in a colony house along the riverbank that had yielded much to her. She then lived on sugar alone as they could not afford even sugar to make the rice into a little better.

"We don't see sugar anymore, we can use it as the rice," Bernalde said.

Bernalde, a victim part of her system in the country but for in 1997, which was a chance on her. She did not have any culture, just the promise that the workers up.

She is such a believer in the power of credit that she even gave around the community to micro-credit other means to pay Proper Dagupan.

Bernalde said that all they really need is the share property in to make good on their dreams of a better life.





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## Merit incentive ...

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percent to 26 percent.

Buena said Alcuin presented a classification system of regular cooperative members based on merit incentives.

From then on, BPMPC members were ranked AAA, AA, A, B, C and D according to their credit worthiness.

AAA members to B members enjoy loan accessibility privileges with no co-makers required and are eligible to become officers.

AAA members are those who have been with the cooperative for at least five years, with share capital of not less than P15,000 and with an average active deposit account balance of P1,500.

The privileges provided narrow as the classification slips to B—those who have been members for two years, share capital of at least P5,000 and an average savings deposit balance of P600 or more.

The “B”-ranked members can receive their loans a day after approval of the application.

Buena said the results of the merit incentive system classification have been remarkable in terms of commitment and participation of members in all co-op activities.

Complementing the merit incentive system is an intensified campaign to collect on delinquent members, with the cooperation of barangay authorities. At the same time, co-op officers consistently remind the members of their obligations through text messaging and other forms of communication.

Since then, Buena said members’ attendance in all cooperative activities ceased to be a problem.

During a general membership meeting, they could get a 98-percent attendance level from the existing 3,503 members, he said.

Buena said the BPMPC board and the management remain dedicated to the basic cooperative principles of service, transparency, democratic participation and decision-making processes.

He said that even as the cooperative has grown from the original paid-up capital of P1,193 in 1963 to P43 million at present, the salaries of the employees are kept at a minimum and the board members are only provided with honoraria of P800 each.











# Sunday LIFE STYLE

Editor: Chris Banao Ferreras

## Breakfast at Auggie's

Text by Alice N. Wergas  
Photos by Jan Gahan-Premadasa

**F**OR THE LONGEST TIME, sublime fashion designer Auggie Cordero has been identified with Hollywood legend Audrey Hepburn, his virginal essence and main source of inspiration for several decades gone. And he's not ashamed to admit his never-ending fascination for the late Hollywood icon.

The 48-year-old Cordero, who has been designing clothes for almost 25 years, is one of 20 featured designers participating in the *Bliss in Paris* show on its third year, the annual fashion show, one of the biggest of its kind in the country, is organized by Metro magazine and supported by Kinross and Serrano. The fashion show is scheduled for this Friday, 23 Nov., at the Boulevard Drive in Makati.

"I have 12 books on Audrey and a DVD collection of all her movies," says Cordero, who has always been in his studio in Makati. "I must have watched *Breakfast at Tiffany's* more than 20 times."

It was Hepburn who inspired young Cordero to visit New York City decades ago, where he later worked as an assistant designer for a small brand. He

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**AUGGIE** Cordero draws inspiration from Audrey Hepburn for fashion. He has a large collection of vintage dresses.

notes, one of his first steps upon setting foot in the Big Apple was Tiffany's. When designers and legend finally crossed paths several years later, this in New York, the fan could only stare at his idol as she stepped into a morning line.

"Audrey glowed at me and smiled," he says of the moment. "She probably noticed how tired I was. I was at a loss for words. It was enough for me that I saw her in person."

Apart from his fixations with Audrey, Cordero is legendarily in the business to all times. Showing appointments are abundant at times he doesn't get any sleep, say 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. To while away the night, the designer munches down on late movies while curled up in bed. Likewise, he makes sure he has enough books and magazines within easy reach.

In fact, he has 3,000 CDKs (card catalogs) and 3,000 VHS tapes of movies and movies. "I watch everything seven times—movies, movies, magazines and pictures. Well, he says, he also likes to read. He has a "VHS" collection of books. He is also keeping up with his print collection.

"Mind you, I've already dropped my latest tape from the list," he says, his eyes closing as he smiles. "They would have easily

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### The reason behind breakup

THESE ARE THE RESULTS

It's been months since my boyfriend of three months and I broke up. He was my first. I don't mind the breakup. It was the way our relationship ended that hurts. What circumstances broke up was my refusal to have sex with him, she didn't actually tell me that, but I could really feel it in his actions. We had told me that he and his ex-girlfriend used to do it. After 7 years! huh, I tell his ex-girlfriend, I was not willing to go to get married, but I needed to be certain that we were right for each other, but it seemed my boyfriend couldn't make any longer.

### Emily's Post



A. Murolo

but is it really the normal trend? Is it now a must? By the way, I'm already 34 years old.

Dude's this guy feel hormonal that you chose him to be your first boyfriend? Hean's he personal that he not someone who rubbed his virtue in the case of losing him? That your relationship with him somehow by those months will be for about how respectful he is. And you're just a woman in love not to see his true character because played some-colored show. Well love just blind?

That's asking if computer practices over business marriages is it the second chance day? Is it a must? The answer is yes and no. Many do casual sex as if they were just going in the gym for exercise and to "talk" to their friend. They never see their anger without having an evening or thinking of the consequences of their action. That is perfectly acceptable for some people, especially if their marriage has already broken down.

However, if you do it against your will, you may later suffer from guilt. So be glad he left you, find you given to his sexual enemies, and leave abundant room after you would have returned and even felt grateful perhaps.

In some way it still seemed, to many, how complicated that sounds. They will wait until they find the right person; who shares their belief. It's all a matter of choice. Some who wait still manage to get out but have been disappointed. But still some "liberated" women go all the way all the time in search of that one big who's new to a prison and find happiness—or not. Only a few are lucky. Many choose to live in.

And your boyfriend truly believes in love with you, he would have wanted you and waited until you were both comfortable enough with each other to go on to the next level of your relationship. Maybe... But, his answer in you replied to him months later boyfriend was in search of "intimacy" and when he didn't find it in you, he dropped you. (Guess that my relationship about his desire for intimacy?)

Don't let this momentary experience change you from what you truly believe in. Who cares if you're old-fashioned? It only matters if it's making you unhappy. That's happy because you broke up with a creep who didn't really value you, besides, someone will love and treasure what a gem you are. You are only 24! Don't add "old lady" when you get your age. That sense of disappointment frequent women become a prey to miserableness like you've been told. They think you'd do anything to get out of that desperate situation. Are you?

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## Makati Rotary's annual Christmas bazaar

**THE ROYAL CLASH OF HONORS**  
and their heirs will race again. Watch  
the seasons of hope and giving with a big  
bang on Nov. 27 at the Fossil Fair Grand-  
stand, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The January Club of Midway's 11th Annual Christmas Bazaar will play it safe in bigger and brighter, offering the same items for the same price, clothes, books and toys. A definite place for the festive unique is the January Club of Midway Bazaar: the White Elephant Table, where one can discover "new items" at very reasonable prices; the Exchange Table with a credit spread of personal-use money; and the Save Angel Tree, where shoppers can assist the opportunity to reduce their Christmas costs and share their blessings with less-fortunate children.

Hanging out this time are close to a dozen more tags of boys and girls whose eyes will surely light up when they receive a gift from you on Christmas Eve.

The Bureau will benefit the various child outreach projects such as the recently launched Ministry of Health's *See-to-See Project*, which assists indigent eye patients with consultation and surgery. The books across the Sea project, which has distributed over seven million books to public schools and libraries throughout the Philippines, and a community development project working hand in hand with General Edna's.

First Aid Terys Bartholomew, sponsor of Rotary Club of Midland President James "Gunny" Bartholomew, sponsors this endeavor with the involvement of other Rotary Aides, among them Marlene Aljeandine, Gloria Garcia, LaDonna Johnson, Michel Nader, Gail Young, Maxine Gunn, Jerry Ruppel, Evelyn Salas, Chel Marie, El Libro, Yasha Garcia, Willem Carlen, Cheryl Chavetz, Maria Y. del Rosario, Leolinda Polanco, Inez Chantel, Sue Ann Medina-Medina, Rita Thompson, Joe

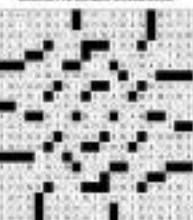


**HAMIDA** del Rosario, Mari Yabara, Marilyn Alejandra, Terry Tancosting (First Row, small chair) and Jaja Bermudez. Second row: Mauricia Soong, Chlo Mary, D. Llorca, Zepi Perencia, Nedy Bismoloff, Tere Beyer and Gabriela Falciani. Standing: Cherry Chavall, Celine Young, Maricel Ordoñez, Lilian Barrios, Tania Garcia and Brita Falciani

Bernardo, Rita Padellaro, Todd Buchanan, Mike Canale, Greg Thomas, Tony Stone, La Unidad, Cecil Mays, Lilbeck Herbert and Maude O'Donoghue  
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**NUMBER OF STUDENT CROISSANTS**



# Back to books, school and fun

By James C. Pope

**F**OUR-YEAR-OLD KIDS NOW adopt more sources of distraction than, say, 4-year-olds kids 10 years ago. There are a kaleidoscope of 24-hour cable cartoon channels, online games and interactive toys to keep them occupied. While these could sure help kids learn, book reading as a habit seems to wobble with every new head-up game.

"We seem to be in this technology saturation," says a young couple of reading. "It's hard to find books," says the mother. "Research now shows reading the best, not going to a library to borrow books."

Fast-food giant McDonald's knows the value of education. Its most loyal clients are children, so it's hard to see, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), tries to help in the

For World Children's Day today, McDonald's will give P5 from every Happy Meal purchase to programs fostering the reading habit and supporting poor kids in schools



RMHC president Kenneth Tang and Beethoven from South with the kids.

teaching of young people. In fact, for every Happy Meal one buys, 10 minutes goes to RMHC. And in celebration of the World Children's Day today, McDonald's will be donating P5 for every Happy Meal purchased.

Since it's the day of children, there will be games and entertaining activities in all 230 McDonald's stores nationwide.

Even what would make a child giddy about a hidden meal will be a gift to the child reading his meal with a poor kid for the entire day today. A kid can order a happy meal that is in degree and have McDonald's deliver it.

## Baybay Bait

Chosen as RMHC's ambassador, Beethoven is nothing more in charity work. He has been doing charity work since his puppy-hood days. He has been given his birthday with children of charity homes.

"It's important to give back. I've always been a fan of books. But I'm not now in a position to do it," he said. "I'm donating from my own pocket now just means being able to read and write. I don't know how to read, then, the number of days."

One of RMHC's key projects is the Baybay Bait, a temporary-based day-care center for children from low-income families. RMHC, with the social welfare and education department, accommodates around 300 children in each of these centers around Metro Manila.

"Baybay Bait is usually a 20- to 70-square area provided by the local government. The structure is built by RMHC, which also provides the children's uniforms and study kits. Community members oversee day-to-day operations. They're called the 'mothers,'" said RMHC president Kenneth Tang.

Henry Cruz, a teacher in the first Baybay Bait in C.O. Makati, said the children could use for a benefit.

"Makati is a big city but not all the kids are rich," Cruz said, adding that even kids aged 5-6 come to the center to learn since they can't afford to attend regular schools.

"We could accommodate a hundred children through these centers daily. We can teach them reading, counting, art and science," Cruz said to Filipinas.

There are Baybay Bait centers in Makati, Sta. Mesa, Marikina, Quezon City, Manila and Pampanga. This year, RMHC will open three new centers—in Cagayan City, Cebu, and Davao.

## Celebration of children

While Baybay Bait caters to children aged 4-6, Bright Minds Read (BRM) is a continuing beginning reading program for grades 1-6 public school students.

Together with the Department of Education (DepEd) and League of Corporate Foundations (LCF), BRM develops and improves the reading skills of students through specially designed kits. It wants to reach 37,000 public schools nationwide by 2005.

Good habits, meanwhile, is a book-building project for the poor.

Tang, who is the managing director of Golden Arches Development Corp., the local company that runs the RMHC franchise in the Philippines, said that RMHC is all about giving back to the community. The charity program was recently awarded an honor for outstanding achievement in voluntary marketing.

World Children's Day is internationally celebrated in over 100 McDonald's stores and libraries to promote children's causes.

The Golden Arch, Sarah Program, is the global ambassador of World Children's Day. Catherine Lefebvre-Grey, Paul Newman, Justin Trudeau, Hillary and Tony Blair, Jeremy Corbyn, and many other world leaders and artists have supported the celebration.



TANG, the Golden Arches Development Corp. managing director, hands out Happy Meals to children.



RMHC's president Kenneth Tang and Beethoven from South with the kids.



# Sunday LIFE STYLE Weddings

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HERMOSISSIMA-TIU NUPTIALS

## Cebu's wedding of the year

**T**HE NUPTIALS OF  
TWEETY Or, Aeri  
Hermosissima, to  
Paul Rodolfo "Didi" Tiu  
was undoubtedly the wed-  
ding of the year in Cebu. She  
is the daughter of Hermosa  
Hermosissima and Hermosa  
Hermosissima.

Both Didi and Aeri were hands-on in the preparation for their wedding which involved other celebrations. The grating as known as party between both families, large chairs in Cebu, were a landmark at the Centro Espiritual de Cebu. It stood up the Madrid, Bilbao and Barcelona unions. Unbelievable process were re-  
thought.

There were the Angeles de celosia, led by Aeri's distant grand-mother, Concha, Mar-  
sala, at noon and later at Pao-Tan Pao. It coincided with the birthday of a dear friend of the family, Miguelan, Fernandez, who collected  
of friends.

The wedding was not a luxury affair and  
believe the Cebu Cathedral posted justice.  
Mgs. Adeline Alcala, Mgs. Job Reyes,  
and Prof. Maria Jara, SJ, presided over the  
nuptial mass. The church was filled with

Cebu  
CebuAeri  
Hermosissima

branches of cells (his, and  
music was provided by a  
quartet from the Pao-Tan  
Hermosissima.

More beautiful music  
came from the (Luzon Ob-  
served) Children's Choir, which  
has won international  
praise. When the wedding  
began, she told him that, if they got mar-  
ried, she would the (Luzon) choir to sing at  
their wedding. So when he proposed early  
this year, Didi told Aeri he had already asked  
the choir to sing at their wedding.

The reception for this blessed occasion was  
at the Grand Angeles's reception center.  
Like the cathedral, it had been beautifully  
decorated by Pao-Tan. Angeles's reception  
was served by Pao-Tan. There were  
champagne, Malibu, Baci, and Chai. There were  
black mimosas, grilled lobster, rice por-  
ridges, stuffed pig-legs and more. The most  
important wedding rule was a masterpiece of  
Buenos Dias.

After their honeymoon, Didi and Aeri will  
visit to a brand new mansion built for them  
at the nearby Villa San Ramon in Cebu's Ba-  
nana district.

CONCHA  
HERMOSISSIMA, the  
bride's grandmotherHERMOSISSIMA  
Hermosissima and  
Yvonne HermosissimaDidi is led to the altar by his parents Rodolfo  
and Placido Tiu.

THE BRIDE'S parents, Antonio and Hermosissima